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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE-1-69-83

TO: ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

ALL SDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: Waiver of Confidentiality of Adoption Records - Civil Code Section 230.6

REFERENCE: All County Information Notice I-148-82

The Adoptions Branch has received requests for clarification of the terms "natural parent" and "any living adoptive parent" as used in Civil Code Section 230.6. The intent of the language is to define parent as one living natural parent and one living adoptive parent. In other words, in order to arrange a contact, it is not necessary to obtain a waiver from both natural parents and from both living adoptive parents.

This does not mean, however, that one natural parent can sign a waiver of rights of confidentiality for another parent. Waivers must be signed by each natural parent for whom contact is being arranged, in addition to the waiver from the adoptive parent and adult adoptee.

If there are questions regarding this notice, please contact your adoption program consultant.

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Deputy Director

Adult and Family Services Division

cc: CWDA

